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**Serial No.:** 10/044,846  
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**Title:** CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDE, OBTAINED BY  
CROSSLINKING WITH SUBSTITUTED  
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS SUPERABSORBENT  
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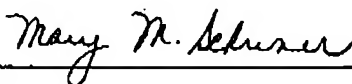
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